

NO WYCOMBE GOAL FOR FOUR GAMES

Sports Mail Special Report

WOKING 3 : WYCOMBE WANDS 0

WYCOMBE Wanderers' forwards—they have not scored in the last four games—slumped badly again at Woking this afternoon and rarely managed a shot.

Woking: Farris; R. Dowse, Foulkes; B. Dowse, Turner, Haider; Newman, Mortimore, Upton, Woods, Williams.

Wycombe Wanderers: Brown; Beck, Lewis; Ashby, Fisher, Gale; L. Worley, Blair, D. Worley, Horseman, Hyde.

Referee: J. Reid.

Wycombe, badly in need of goals to boost their confidence, had the ball in the net within a minute. But Tony Horseman was offside when he received Len Worley's pass.

Both teams played fast, attacking football. Veteran England international Charlie Mortimer went close with a downwards header and Haider shot over the bar for Woking.

The Wycombe forwards were moving the ball neatly on the slippery surface, with Len Worley particularly dangerous. From one of his crosses Hyde leaped high to head just over.

COOL NEWCOMER

Wycombe's new international—Welsh centre half John Fisher—was cool in a defence which had plenty to do against a young Woking attack.

Wanderers could make little impression on the Wycombe defence, but centre half Turner was happy to kick out for a corner after Dave Worley had harassed the goalkeeper into missing a first back.

After 30 minutes, WOODS

scored for Woking with a lofted shot which hit the goalkeeper Brown and spun into the net.

Goalkeeper Harris had little to do. Once again the Wycombe left wing of Hyde and Horseman was rarely in evidence and Dave Worley received little support in the centre.

Half-time: Woking 1, Wycombe 0.

The Wycombe goal had two narrow escapes within a minute of the restart. Upton's shot was kicked off the goal-line and wing-half Douse shot against the cross-bar and the ball ran clear.

TWO GOALS

Woking remained the more menacing and centre-forward UPTON killed Wycombe's chances with two goals within six minutes. After 69 minutes he converted Mortimer's centre. Then, taking advantage of some slack Wycombe marking, he scored the best goal of the game with a fine drive.

Wycombe were showing the effects of their strenuous mid-week cup game at Ashford and never troubled Woking. A free kick by Gale, which flew wide of a post, was the best they could manage.

RESULT:

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WYCOMBE IN NEED OF NEW LEADER

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WANTED by Wycombe: a strong, experienced centre forward to provide power for a front line that has failed to score in its last four matches (writes COLIN BARR).

With two hard-working inside forwards like George Blair and Tony Horseman, plus the wing-craft of Len Worley and Steve Hyde, Wycombe should have strode through this inexperienced Woking formation.

But they toiled and fumbled away numerous goal-making chances which had been built up on attractive midfield play.

John Fisher, preparing to play his first game for Wales amateurs, was made captain for the day and gave a commanding display at centre half.

If Wycombe possessed the same sting in attack they would soon end their goal-famine. And I say they need a new man in the middle to pull them together.

Woking displayed dogmatic defence-in-depth tactics, with veteran Ken Turner crushing numerous early Wycombe thrusts.

Twice Woking's right-back Reg Dowse crept upfield to provide the unexpected pass that brought goals.

He helped Shaun Woods make it 1-0 at half-time, then Reg, brother of right-half Billy, crossed for Bruce Upton to score Woking's second goal.

Wycombe retaliated and appeared to have found the cohesion they lacked earlier. But Woking's eager and more combined team calmly shook this threat aside.

Maybe the busy Fisher, tiring through this day of unexpected toil, was unprepared when left-half Rodney Haider sped upfield and dropped the ball at the feet of Upton. For the Woking centre forward simply killed the ball, measured his distance, and casually shot past Ken Brown.